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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMEN T	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	MINUS	* =	X (\$9 SE or \$18)	\$
INDEP.	MINUS	** =	X (\$42 SE or \$84)	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM		X	(\$140 SE or \$280)	\$
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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. X If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.